

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 10, 2020

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, April 13th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

City Council Meeting

The April 13th Cottage Grove City Council Meeting will be held virtually with limited seating in the Council Chambers. Anyone wishing to join the meeting should check out the instructions on the City Council Agenda. All meetings of the Council, Planning Commission and even the upcoming Budget Committee will be held virtually until further notice. The instructions for the specific meetings are included on the agenda for the meeting.

Coming to a Mailbox Near You

The US Census is mailing paper Census forms to households that have yet to respond to the 2020 Census. They should be in your mail box in the next week. Please, fill it out, mail it back and be counted.

Stay Home, Stack Limbs, Save Lives

The annual Limb Pick up program will be starting May 4th – 8th with the first round of pickup. Limbs should be placed out at the curb the weekend before the pickup. The second and final round of pickup will be from May 18th – 22nd. Be sure to visit the City website for more information about the limb pickup.

Food for Lane County Mobile Pantry

Due to the overwhelming response to Wednesday's visit by the Food for Lane County Mobile Pantry at the Community Center, future visits of the Mobile Pantry will be at Bohemia School. The pre-packaged food will be distributed on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Bohemia School parking lot at 721 South R Street.

The Mobile Pantry distributions are drive through, recipients are to stay in their vehicle. Those without vehicles will be directed to a separate distribution station near the FOOD for Lane County truck. Social distancing will be strictly enforced. No household documentation will be required. All food will be pre-bagged.

COVID-19 Update

The warm, beautiful Spring weather along with the Easter holiday may be a strong temptation for some in the community to go outside. To help everyone, the Oregon Health Authority has prepared the graphic to the right that will help clarify how we can go out and enjoy the sun this weekend and next week.

A coalition of state agencies have also put together a recommendation that Oregonians carefully consider refraining from conducting outdoor burning. The attached news release encourages everyone to weigh the possible effects on the community before choosing to burn. The smoke from burning can have significant negative impacts on members of the community and weaken their ability to fight off COVID-19, increase the risk of contracting infectious respiratory diseases such as COVID-19 or hinder the recovery from respiratory illnesses.

Additionally, last week the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended that people wear non-medical masks when they leave their homes. Studies have shown that some people are contagious before they ever get symptoms and some never feel sick. They might spread the disease before they would ever consider masking up. The reasons for the recommendation are:

- Droplets do indeed transmit the disease, but they can be generated from talking as well as coughing. Just standing next to someone talking could spread the disease if neither of you are masked.
- Wearing a mask while sick is stigmatizing for those who wear them. Universal use wouldn't identify who was sick and who wasn't.
- You are less likely to touch your mouth and nose while wearing a mask.
- DIY masks can possibly provide protection to the public without impacting the supply of manufactured masks currently prioritized for healthcare workers. If the medical community accepts the use of these masks in the healthcare setting, then these masks will be available and ready to go.
- There is data that suggests that in countries where masking is encouraged for all citizens, the rate of disease transmission may be reduced by their actions.

It is important to not use medical-grade surgical masks or N95 masks for general use. Those items should be saved for medical personnel and first responders.

DO ✓	DON'T ✗
Enjoy the outdoor areas of your home.	Don't participate in group sports.
Enjoy physical activities solo or with members of your household (e.g. walking, biking).	Don't visit crowded or closed parks.
Have a virtual picnic with friends.	Don't attend social gatherings.
Open doors and windows to get fresh air.	Don't go out if you're sick.
Get things done at home (e.g. gardening, car washing).	Don't travel.

 **REMEMBER:** Keep a safe physical distance of at least six feet from people you do not live with and wash your hands regularly.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, DO YOUR PART

Chamber of Commerce & Main Street Promotion

The Main Street Program is working with the Chamber of Commerce on a promotion to encourage you to post a selfie or picture of your delicious carry out meal from any of the open businesses in Cottage Grove. Post your picture on the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for a chance to win one of ten \$25 gift certificates. Please message the Main Street Coordinator on the Facebook page, Main Street Cottage Grove Oregon, if you have difficulty posting your picture, contact Shauna at the Chamber, (541) 942-2411.

Library Ideas During COVID-19

Day By Day Ohio is a Family Literacy Calendar with songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos to support early literacy skills (Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play) and helps young children get ready for school. Check out this activity calendar here: <http://www.daybydayoh.org/>

Find 100's of free movement and mindfulness videos for kids at Go Noodle. Get those wiggles out. Find silly, relaxing, stretchy, and sporty videos here: <https://family.gonoodle.com/>

Visit the OctoCam at Hatfield Visitor Center to watch their resident octopus. Feedings are scheduled every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1:00 pm.

<https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/visitor-center/exhibits/octocam>

SciStarter has lots of citizen science projects for all ages; these can range from backyard wildlife observation to how many stars are visible at night from your porch. <https://scistarter.org/>

Quote of the Week

“Sunshine is a welcome thing. It brings a lot of brightness.”

~Jimmie Davis~